to give him a prescriptive title (or where such period is less than thirty years, for a period of thirty years), or that it was erected with the consent of any municipal authority duly empowered in that behalf, and that the period, if any, for which the consent is valid has not expired, the corporation shall make reasonable compensation to every person who suffers damage by the removal or alteration of the same.

298. Power to allow certain projections and erections.—(1) The commissioner may grant a licence subject to such conditions and restrictions as he may think fit to the owner or occupier of any premises,—

(a) to put-up or continue to have verandahs, balconies, sub-shades, weather-frames and the like to project over a street; or

(b) in streets in which the construction of arcades has been sanctioned by the corporation to put up or continue to have an arcade; or

(c) to construct any step or drain-covering necessary for access to the premises.

(2) The commissioner may grant a licence subject to such conditions and restrictions as he may think fit, for any temporary construction in any street or in any public place the control of which is vested in the corporation.

(3) No licence shall be granted under sub-section (1) if the projection or construction is likely to be injurious to health or cause public inconvenience or otherwise materially interfere with the use of the road as such.

(4) On the expiry of any period for which a licence has been granted under this section or after due communication of an order of suspension or revocation of such licence the commissioner may, without, notice, cause any projection or construction put up under sub-section (1) or (2) to be removed, and the cost of so doing shall be recoverable in the manner provided in section 483 from the person to whom the licence was granted.

(5) The corporation shall have power to lease road sides and street margins vested in the corporation for occupation on such terms and conditions and for such period as it may fix :

Provided that no such road sides and street shall be leased out for any term exceeding three years without prior sanction of the Government :

Provided further that if the Government consider that any occupation of a road side or street margin under a lease granted by the corporation under this section is likely to be injurious to health or cause public inconvenience or otherwise materially interfere with the use of the road side or street margin as such, the Government may direct the corporation to cancel or modify the lease and the corporation shall thereupon cancel or modify the lease accordingly.

299. Precautions during repair of streets.—(1) The commissioner shall, so far as is practicable, during the construction or repair of any street, drain or premises vested in the corporation,—

(a) cause the same to be fenced and guarded ;

(b) take proper precautions against accident by shoring up and protecting adjoining buildings ; and

(c) cause such bars, chains or posts to be fixed across or in any street in which any such work is under execution as are necessary in order to prevent the passage of vehicles or animals and avert danger.

(2) The commissioner shall cause such drain, street or premises to be sufficiently lighted or guarded during the night while under its contruction or repair ;

(3) The commissioner shall, with all reasonable speed, cause the said work to be completed, the ground to be filled in the said drain, street or premises to be repaired and the rubbish occasioned thereby to be removed.

300. Prohibition against removal of bars and lights.—No person shall without lawful authority remove any bar, chain, post or shoring timber or remove or extinguish any light set up under section 299.

301. Making holes and causing obstruction.—(1) No person shall make a hole or cause any obstruction in any street unless he previously obtains the permission of the commissioner and complies with such conditions as he may impose.

(2) When such permission is granted, such person shall, at his own expense, cause such hole or obstruction to be sufficiently fenced and enclosed, until the hole or obstruction is filled up or removed and shall cause hole or obstruction to be sufficiently lighted during the night.

(3) If any obstruction is caused in any street by the fall of structures, trees, or fences, the owner or occupier of the premises concerned shall, within twelve hours of the occurrence of such fall, or within such further period as the commissioner may by written order allow, clear the street of such obstruction.

302. Licence for work on buildings likely to cause obstruction.—If any person intends to construct or demolish any building or to alter or repair the outward part thereof and if any street or foot-way is likely to be obstructed or rendered inconvenient by means of such work, he shall first obtain a licence from the commissioner in that behalf and shall also,—

(a) cause the said building to be fenced and guarded ;

(b) sufficiently light it during the night; and

(c) take proper precautions against accidents during such time as the public safety or convenience requires.

303. Naming or numbering of public streets.— (1) The corporation shall give names or numbers to new public streets and may, subject to the approval of the Government, alter the name or number of any public street.

(2) The commissioner shall cause to be put up or painted on a conspicuous part of some building, wall, or place, at or near each end, corner or entrance of every public street, the name or number by which it is to be known.

(3) No person shall without lawful authority destroy, pull down or deface any such name or number or put up any name or number different from that put up by order of the commissioner.

304. Numbering of buildings.—(1) The commissioner may cause a number to be affixed to the side or outer door of any building or to some place at the entrance of the enclosure thereof.

(2) No person shall without lawful authority destroy, pull down or deface any such number.

(3) When a number has been affixed under sub-section (1) the owner of the building shall be bound to maintain such number and to replace it if removed or defaced, and if he fails to do so, the commissioner may, by notice, require him to replace it.